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My dear Mr Fernald

That was a happy  
chance shot of mine enquiring  
from you after Mr Allen -  
I have just written to him -  
But it gives me the least touch  
of the blues to think that he  
should be of the working force  
at the free subscription and I  
could know it. Truly I grow old  
and lazy and have lost touch  
with the fraternity - I fancy  
sometimes that I belong - if I  
have any claim to belong  
anywhere - with that generation

of botanists which the Laboratory  
chaps would gain have or  
are "fast disappearing"

I should be only too glad  
to receive a few of your  
prairie rarities "later on" but  
I certainly have no claim  
upon your generosity - and I  
might not be able to render  
an equivalent return - My  
stores - though doubtless still  
containing a number of good  
western (that is Mississippi Valley)  
plants - are old and faded -

Almond the only thing I collected  
afresh this past season was *Carex*  
*tuberosus* var *Bebbii*

Yours cordially  
W. S. Bebb